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SUBJECT: IATTC ANNUAL MEETING

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- 1. INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING CONTINUED OCTOBER 16
 WITH RENEWED DEBATE ON DRAFT U.S. ENFORCEMENT RESOLUTION. NUMBER OF CHANGES SUGGESTED PREVIOUS DAY BY
 MEXICAN DEL IN SMALL DRAFTING GROUP WERE ACCEPTED,
 BUT MEXICAN DEL BACKED AWAY FROM OTHER, MORE SUBSTANDELEGATIONS ACCEPTED REVISED DRAFT AND IT WAS ADOPTED
 AS RECOMMENDATION TO COMMISSION FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL
 MEETING. JAPAN ACCEPTED RESOLUTION BUT INSISTED ON
 INCLUSION IN REPORT OF STATEMENT OF CONSENSUS THAT
 LONGLINERS, WHICH ALWAYS CATCH LESS THAN 15 PERCENT
 YELLOWFIN, ARE EXEMPTED FROM REQUIREMENTS IN RESOLUTION.
 MATTER OF LONGLINE EXCEPTION STILL PENDING.
- 2. FOLLOWING AGREEMENT ON ENFORCEMENT ISSUE DEBATE BEGAN ON NEXT AGENDA ITEM, THE QUESTION OF ALLOCATIONS. CONFIDENTIAL

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MEXICO CONCLUDED LONG INTERVENTION STRESSING AIMS AND

GOALS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND NECESSITY OF A COASTAL STATE PREFERENCE TO THE TUNA RESOURCES WITH REQUEST FOR A 16,000 TON SPECIAL ALLOCATION--6,000 TONS ABOVE THEIR 10,000 TON SPECIAL ALLOCATION FOR 1975. U.S. QUESTIONED NEED FOR CONTINUING SPECIAL ALLOCATIONS, STATING THAT RATIONALE FOR THIS, SPELLED OUT IN IATTC RESOLUTION, HAS BEEN TO HELP CERTAIN HARDSHIP BOATS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH DEVELOPING TUNA FLEETS, AND IT NOW APPEARS THAT MOST MEXICAN BOATS ARE FULLY COMPETITIVE. INCREASE IN SPECIAL MEXICAN ALLOCATION ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT AT THIS TIME AS MEXICO UNLIKELY TO CATCH PRESENT ALLOCATION DURING 1975 AND IN LIGHT OF FACT THAT TOTAL QUOTA MAY BE CUT BACK FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES.

- 3. PANAMANIAN DEL TABLED PROPOSAL AFTERNOON OF 16TH TO MAKE SPECIAL 6,000 TON SMALL BOAT ALLOCATION, NOW APPLICABLE TO VESSELS UNDER 400 TONS OF ALL COUNTRIES, APPLY TO VESSELS UNDER 600 TONS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH DEVELOPING FISHERIES. PROPOSAL RECEIVED SUPPORT OF MEXICO AND NICARAGUA. CANADA, HOWEVER, PRIVATELY EXPRESSED TO USDEL CONCERN OVER GOP PROPOSAL AND INDICATED THAT IF ACCEPTED GOC WOULD FEEL OBLIGED TO ASK FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR SOME OF ITS VESSELS LARGER THAN 400 TONS.
- 4. PRIVATE MEETING BETWEEN HEADS OF DELEGATION WALLACE AND CASTRO Y CASTRO REVEALED NO FLEXIBILITY IN MEXICAN DEMAND FOR EXTRA 6,000 TONS. APPARENT REASON FOR GOM DEMAND FOR SUCH A LARGE INCREASE IS EXPECTATION POLAND DURING 1976. ALTHOUGH OCTOBER 16 SESSION CLOSED WITH DIM PROSPECTS FOR AGREEMENT, PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WITH CASTRO LATER INDICATED FLEXIBILITY ON PART OF GOM AFTER ALL. NEXT DAY, HOWEVER, MEETING OF THE MINDS BETWEEN US AND MEXICAN DELS ON THIS SUBJECT WAS NOT REPEAT NOT POSSIBLE.
- 5. MORNING OF 17TH IT WAS REPORTED TO INTERGOVERN-MENTAL MEETING THAT NO AGREEMENT SEEMED POSSIBLE BETWEEN U.S. AND MEXICO ON QUESTION OF SPECIAL ALLOCA-CONFIDENTIAL

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TIONS. COSTA RICA PROPOSED THAT VERY SMALL, PRIVATE MEETINGS OF ALL DELEGATIONS TAKE PLACE. THIS WAS AGREED TO AND BILATERAL MEETINGS CONTINUING INTO AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 17. IT SEEMS VERY UNLIKELY AT THIS TIME THAT AGREEMENT WILL BE POSSIBLE.

6. IN REFERENCE TO REFTEL, USDEL DID INDEED EXPRESS, BOTH PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY, GREAT APPRECIATION OF USG

WITH RESPECT TO PANAMANIAN DECISION TO WITHDRAW
REGISTRY FROM FOREIGN-OWNED VESSELS.
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